



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL TODD M. ZACHARY

Colonel Todd M. Zachary is the commander of the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He directs a 1-year academic, military training, athletic and character development program leading graduates to a possible appointment as an Air Force cadet.



He entered the US Air Force in 1987 as a graduate of the ROTC program at California State University at Northridge. Following navigator training, he began his operational flying career in the B-52 Stratofortress at Minot AFB, North Dakota. During Operation DESERT STORM, he flew Close Air Support missions against Iraqi Republican Guard forces as part of the 4300 Provisional Bomb Wing. Next, he served as both Course Manager and Chief of Standardization and Evaluation for Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training at Randolph AFB, Texas. Following attendance as a student at the Joint Services Command and Staff College, United Kingdom and the Air Force's premier School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, he served on the Air Force Headquarters Air Staff as a Combat Strategic Planning Team Chief and Executive Officer for Air Force Plans and Programs. In June 2002, he returned to Randolph AFB for a second tour, serving as the Director of Operations and then Commander of the 562nd Flying Training Squadron. He remained at Randolph to serve as the Deputy Commander, 12th Operations Group prior to his attendance at the US Naval War College in 2005. Following graduation, Colonel Zachary transferred to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska in July 2006 and served as the Deputy Director for Operations for Alaskan Command and Joint Task Force-Alaska. In Jun 2007 he became the Director for Operations Alaskan Command and Joint Task Force-Alaska until his departure in May 2008.

EDUCATION:

1987 – Bachelor of Arts degree in History, California State University at Northridge, California
1994 – Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
1996 – Master of Arts in Humanities, California State University at Dominguez Hills, California
1999 – Joint Services Command and Staff College, RAF Bracknell, United Kingdom
1999 – Masters of Arts in Defense Studies, Kings College, London, United Kingdom
2000 – School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Alabama; Masters of Airpower Arts and Science, Air University
2005 – Air War College, Correspondence
2006 – Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island; Masters of Arts, National Security and Strategic Studies

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jun 08-Present: Commander, USAFA Preparatory School, USAF Academy, CO
2. Jun 07 – May 08: Director for Operations, ALCOM / JTF-AK, Elmendorf AFB, AK
3. Jul 2006 – Jun 2007: Deputy Director for Operations, ALCOM / JTF-AK, Elmendorf AFB, AK
4. Aug 2005 – Jul 2006: Student, Naval War College, Newport, RI
5. Feb 2005 – Jul 2005: Deputy Commander, 12th Operations Group, Randolph AFB, TX
6. Oct 2003 – Feb 2005: Commander, 562nd Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, TX
7. Jun 2002 - Oct 2003: Director of Operations, 562nd Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, TX
8. Jun 2001 – Jun 2002: Executive Officer; Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, VA

9. Jul 2000 – Jun 2001: Combat AF Strategic Plans Team Chief, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, VA
10. Jul 1999 – Jun 2000: Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, AL
11. Jul 1998 – Jul 1999: Student, Joint Services Command and Staff College, RAF Bracknell, UK
12. Apr 1996 – Jul 1998: Chief, Standardization and Evaluation, 562nd Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, TX
13. Apr 1995 – Apr 1996: Course Manager, 562nd Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, TX
14. Jan 1992 – Apr 1995: B-52H Instructor Radar Navigator, 23rd Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
15. Dec 1988 - Jan 1992: B-52H Navigator, 23rd Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, ND
16. Mar 1988 – Dec 1988: Student, Undergraduate Specialized Navigator Training, Mather AFB, CA

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating:	Command Navigator
Flight hours:	over 2,400
Aircraft flown:	T-37, T-43A, B-52G, B-52H

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Joint Service Achievement Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 AF Outstanding Unit Award
 Combat Readiness Medal
 National Defense Service Medal
 Southwest Asia Service Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 AF Overseas Ribbon Long
 AF Longevity Service
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
 AF Training Ribbon
 Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	October 29, 1987
First Lieutenant	October 29, 1989
Captain	October 29, 1991
Major	Aug 1, 1998
Lieutenant Colonel	March 1, 2002
Colonel	August 1, 2007

Current as of June 2008